

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1 – 52 (cancelled).

53. (previously presented) A portable electrical device having a cord, said portable electrical device comprising a housing having a side and a cord retainer which is connected with said side of said housing, said cord retainer includes a flange and a base, said flange having an inner side which faces toward and is spaced from said side of said housing, said base being connected with said flange and said side of said housing, said base having a side which extends transverse to said side of said flange and to said side of said housing and which cooperates with said side of said housing and said side of said flange to at least partially define a groove which extends completely around said base and in which a plurality of turns of the cord are disposed when the cord is manually wound around said cord retainer, at least a portion of said plurality of turns of the cord being disposed in engagement with said side of said housing when said plurality of turns of the cord are disposed in the groove.

54. (previously presented) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 53 further including a reclosable multiple layered fastener disposed between said base and said side of said housing to interconnect said cord retainer and said housing.

55. (previously presented) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 53 wherein said base includes a recess, said cord retainer includes a fastener which is at least partially disposed in said recess and is engagable with said side of said housing to interconnect said cord retainer and said housing.

56. (previously presented) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 53 wherein at least one complete turn of said plurality of turns of the cord is disposed in engagement with said side of said base.

57. (previously presented) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 53 wherein said flange and said groove have a noncircular configuration.

58. (previously presented) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 53 wherein said cord retainer is integrally formed as one piece with at least a portion of said housing.

59. (previously presented) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 53 wherein said cord retainer is formed separately from said housing and is connected with said housing by a fastener.

60. (previously presented) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 53 wherein said base has a first end portion which is fixedly connected with said housing and a second end portion which is fixedly connected with said flange.

61. (previously presented) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 53 wherein said base and said flange have oval cross sectional configurations as viewed in a plane extending perpendicular to a central axis of said cord retainer.

62. (previously presented) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 53 wherein said base and said flange are integrally formed as one piece.

63. (previously presented) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 53 wherein said cord retainer at least partially encloses a component of said portable electrical device.

64. (previously presented) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 53 wherein said base of said cord retainer is hollow and at least partially encloses a component of said portable electrical device.

Claims 65 – 79 (cancelled).

80. (new) A portable electrical device having a cord, said portable electrical device comprising a housing and a cord retainer, said cord retainer including a flange which is fixedly connected with said housing and which at least partially defines a groove into which the cord may be manually wound, said cord retainer includes a base having a first end portion which is fixedly connected with said housing and a second end portion which is fixedly connected with said flange, said cord retainer has a central axis which extends through said housing, said base and said flange have oval cross sectional configurations as viewed in a plane extending perpendicular to the central axis of said cord retainer, said housing has a surface area which cooperates with said flange to further define the groove into which the cord may be manually wound.

81. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 80 wherein said base and flange are integrally formed as one piece.

82. (new) A portable device as set forth in claim 80 wherein said groove has an oval cross sectional configuration as viewed in a plane extending perpendicular to the central axis of said cord retainer.

83. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 80 wherein said flange includes first and second parallel portions disposed adjacent to opposite sides of

said base, said first and second parallel portions of said flange each having a recess which is engagable with the electrical cord to grip the electrical cord.

84. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 80 wherein said cord retainer at least partially encloses a component of the electrical device.

85. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 80 wherein said base of said cord retainer is hollow and at least partially encloses a component of said portable electrical device.

86. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 80 wherein said cord retainer includes a fastener which fixedly secures said cord retainer to one side of said housing.

87. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 80 wherein said cord retainer is integrally formed as one piece with at least a portion of said housing.

88. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 80 wherein said cord retainer is formed separately from said housing and is connected with said housing by a reclosable fastener.

89. (new) An apparatus as set forth in claim 80 wherein said fastener includes adhesive which engages said housing.

90. (new) A cord retainer as set forth in claim 80 further including a plurality of spaced apart recesses formed in a peripheral portion of said flange, said cord being positionable in any one of said plurality of recesses to connect said cord with said flange at any one of a plurality of locations along the peripheral position of said flange.

91. (new) A portable electrical device having a cord, said portable electrical device comprising a housing and a cord retainer, said cord retainer including a flange which is fixedly connected with said housing and which at least partially defines a groove into which the cord may be manually wound, said cord retainer includes a base having a first end portion which is fixedly connected with said housing and a second end portion which is fixedly connected with said flange, said cord retainer has a central axis which extends through said housing, said base and said flange have oval cross sectional configurations as viewed in a plane extending perpendicular to the central axis of said cord retainer, said cord retainer includes a fastener which fixedly secures said cord retainer to one side of said housing, said one side of said housing includes a surface area which cooperates with said flange to further define the groove in which the cord may be manually wound.

92. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 91 wherein said base and flange are integrally formed as one piece.

93. (new) A portable device as set forth in claim 91 wherein said groove has an oval cross sectional configuration as viewed in a plane extending perpendicular to the central axis of said cord retainer.

94. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 91 wherein said flange includes first and second parallel portions disposed adjacent to opposite sides of said base, said first and second parallel portions of said flange each having a recess which is engagable with the electrical cord to grip the electrical cord.

95. (new) A portable electrical device having a cord, said portable electrical device comprising a housing and a cord retainer, said cord retainer including a flange which is fixedly connected with said housing and which at least partially defines a groove into which the cord may be manually wound, said cord retainer includes a fastener which fixedly secures said cord retainer to one side of said housing, said one side of said housing includes a surface area which cooperates with said flange to further define the groove into which the cord may be manually wound, said flange includes a plurality of spaced apart recesses formed in a peripheral portion of said flange, said cord being positionable in any one of said plurality of recesses to connect said cord with said flange at any one of a plurality of locations along the peripheral portion of said flange.

96. (new) A portable device as set forth in claim 95 wherein said groove has an oval cross sectional configuration as viewed in a plane extending perpendicular to the central axis of said cord retainer.

97. (new) A portable electrical device having a cord, said portable electrical device comprising a housing and a cord retainer, said cord retainer including a flange which is fixedly connected with said housing and which at least partially defines a groove disposed between said flange and housing and into which the cord may be manually wound, said flange is spaced apart from said housing and includes a plurality of spaced apart recesses formed in a peripheral portion of said flange, an end portion of said cord being positionable in any one of said plurality of recesses to connect said cord with said flange at any one of a plurality of locations along the peripheral portion

of said flange with a wound portion of the cord disposed in the groove between said flange and the housing.

98. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 97 wherein said base and flange are integrally formed as one piece, said cord retainer has a second flange which at least partially defines the groove into which the cord may be manually wound, said second flange being integrally formed as one piece with said base.

99. (new) A portable device as set forth in claim 97 wherein said groove has an oval cross sectional configuration as viewed in a plane extending perpendicular to the central axis of said cord retainer.

100. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 97 wherein said cord retainer has a second flange which at least partially defines the groove into which the cord may be manually wound.

101. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 97 wherein said cord retainer includes a fastener which fixedly secures said cord retainer to one side of said housing which said groove disposed between said flange and said housing.

102. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 97 wherein said housing includes a surface area which cooperates with said flange to further define the groove into which the cord may be manually wound.

103. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 97 wherein said cord retainer is integrally formed as one piece with at least a portion of said housing.

104. (new) A portable electrical device as set forth in claim 97 wherein said cord retainer is formed separately from said housing and is connected with said housing by a reclosable fastener.